

PAW PRINTS



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Class Placement Procedures

I know many of you have questions regarding class placement for next year. Please review the following school procedure for class placement. I have used this system for twelve years now and believe this process facilitates educationally sound placement decisions. As always, feel free to visit with me if you have any questions or concerns.

The teachers and I will approach the class placement process as follows:

The principal meets with the teachers at each grade level, the counselor, and the learning specialists. We work as a team to consider every aspect of each child's development to ensure academic and personal/social success for the coming year. Our philosophy is that each child is a unique individual with special needs, and we strive to be sensitive to those needs when we make class placement decisions.

A child usually can be separated from one or two children at the request of a parent. However, requests such as, "put my child with these children and separate my child from these children," will not be honored because such requests control the placement of several children in addition to one's own and are simply not possible.

Classes are constructed to be as heterogeneous as possible. Children of varying abilities, personalities, and needs are placed in each classroom.

Every classroom needs students who are academically strong and students who can provide positive leadership. Students who have behavior and academic concerns are divided so that they will have equal opportunity for teacher support and appropriate peer role models. To the extent possible without unbalancing classes, students with special needs are matched with teachers whose skills and temperament provide the best learning opportunity. We're fortunate that we have so many wonderful teachers at Brougham!

*If, after reading the placement process, you feel it is necessary to communicate important information to be considered during the class placement process, send a letter to me by **April 30th**. If there are not important issues beyond those about which your child's teachers are aware, there will not be a need to write or meet with the principal about class placement.*

Class lists will be finalized by the first week in August. A postcard will be mailed to every student once lists are finalized and teachers have returned from summer break.

Your partner in education,

Brian Lowe

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Preschool Pals!

Brougham's Preschool Pals has been awesome with over 50 kids in attendance! OUR LAST SESSION WILL BE THURSDAY, APRIL 15th, at 2:15 p.m. The goal of the program is to involve preschool children in our school and increase their comfort level at Brougham. Specifically, we are targeting children who will be starting kindergarten next year. We will meet in the library. Please tell your neighbors with preschoolers about this event. Here's what to expect on April 15th :

- Our name song to help us get to know each other.
- Our theme this month will be **colors!** As a result, we will be reading a book about colors, titled Mouse Paint.
- Hands-on activities related to the book will follow. Get ready for some finger painting!
- We will tour the school and experience the gym with Mr. Martin, our PE teacher.

As we close the session, kids and parents will enjoy a snack.

Please remember that parents need to attend the sessions as well. **In order to prepare for the session, please let us know if you plan to attend by calling 780-7350.** If you indicated you were coming to the next session at our last session, you do not need to call.

Students Not Returning To Brougham Next Year

Please notify the office if you are planning to move out of the Brougham attendance area over the summer. We need this information to plan for next year.

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS:

APRIL 13th

Celebration of Learning and First Grade Program:

(Come see your child's artwork and guiding principle essay)

First Grade Program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Celebration of Learning
7:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

Save the Date

A Retirement Reception
for

Mrs. Gayle Bergstrand, Speech
and
Mrs. Gloria Wirt, Second Grade

May 6, 2010

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Brougham Library



S.A.I.L. Information: Summer Adventures in Learning

Believe it or not – summer is just around the corner, so don't forget to plan for summer school June 1 through July 1. Classes will be held on Friday, **only the first week of summer school, June 1– 4.**

The remainder of summer school classes will be held **Monday—Thursday.** There will be great classes in technology, reading, math, physical education, cooking, swimming, drama, art and more! **Mail in-registration began February 16th.** Get ready to SAIL with Summer Adventures in Learning!

Elementary Summer Adventures In Learning (S.A.I.L.) will be held at four schools for students in kinder-

garten through fifth grades. Students in grades K-5 attending elementary schools North of Santa Fe will go to summer school at **Prairie Trail / Meadow Lane.** Students in grades K-5 attending elementary schools South of Santa Fe will go to summer school at Chisholm Trail/Sunnyside.

S.A.I.L. brochures were distributed at Parent Teacher Conferences. Scholarship applications are available in the school office and must be processed through the building principal. **Registration deadline is May 7th.** Registration received after that date will be assessed a \$30 late fee. For more information, parents may call the summer school information line (913)780-7245

through May 28, 2010. After May 28, 2010, to report your child's absence or for information/questions, call the SAIL school site your child is attending for summer school.

Sixth-graders will be included in the **Summer Trails** program at Santa Fe Trail Junior High School. Students may participate in four 21st Century Program camps, three enrichment camps, and five review courses in the Summer Trails program.

Brochures for sixth grade were also distributed at Parent Teacher Conferences.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES: Changing your normal dismissal plans?

Any changes to your regular dismissal plan (play dates, riding home with someone else, walking home, being picked up by someone else) will need to be communicated **DIRECTLY** to your classroom teacher by writing a note and sending it in prior to the day beginning. Changes can also be made to your child's dismissal routine by calling the school office by 10:00am and no later than 3:00pm. Please do not send e-mails as substitutes do not have access to our teachers' e-mails when they are absent from their duties.

Teachers may check e-mail once in the morning and then not have the opportunity to get back to it until af-

ter dismissal. It is **CRITICAL** that dismissal plans for the day be decided prior to the school day beginning and appreciate all that our parents can do to plan ahead. We certainly understand emergencies do occur and are more than willing to help in those situations .

Students will not be released to persons other than a parent or legal guardian unless the parent authorized this action. This authorization can be done by visiting the school office and providing written authorization of the individual names of who may pick up your children. **ALL** changes to normal dismissal arrangements should be received in the office or by your

classroom teacher prior to 10:00a.m. and no later than 3:00p.m.

If your child is absent from school, please make arrangements through the office to either have the homework sent home with another student or picked up after school.

Counselor's Corner

By: Laura Smith, Guidance Counselor



Congratulations to all Brougham students for putting so much thought and effort into writing your Guiding Principle essays! All of the essays will be copied and bound into a Guiding Principle Essay booklet to be displayed in the library and other areas of the school. This will allow many people to enjoy what great writers we have here at Brougham. The essays will also be displayed on students' desks at our Celebration of Learning on Tuesday, April 13th.

Although there were many wonderful essays, we want to extend a special congratulations to the student essays

chosen by the Brougham Site Council, which will be published and framed for our Wall of Fame. These students will also read their essays at our annual awards assembly in May.

They are as follows:

Second Grade

Shalra Azeem—Newman

She wrote about her sister Imaan.

Third Grade

Lauren Carlston—Chisholm

She wrote about her friend Rachel.

Fourth Grade (two winners!)

Selina Noor—Ramirez

She wrote about her Service Soldier teacher Mrs. Deb Bowman.

Meghan Siebenburgen---Williams

She wrote about her mom.

Fifth Grade (two winners!)

Aashna Pednekar—Gee

She wrote about her dad.

Haley Petersen—Gee

She wrote about her mom.

Sixth Grade

Abigail Boyd—Swaney

She wrote about her grandma.

Notes from our Nurse

Lois Mathews, R.N., School Nurse



I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break. It is hard to believe we are in our final quarter of the school year. I am still working on Kindergarten and Preschool vision screening. I will inform parents if I have any concerns about the results of these screenings.

I will be presenting the 4th grade Growth and Development lessons on

April 9th. Parents will be able to view these firms on April 6th at 6:30 PM at Brougham. Specific information on this class will be sent home with your student.

Warm weather is approaching and the children will be playing outside more and more. Please encourage your children to wear shoes that will be safe on the playground as they are

climbing and running around. Spring allergies will be with us also. Just a reminder that if you want your child to take any medication at school, even OTC allergy medicine, I need a note from your doctor. Hopefully allergies will not be too bad this year - of course this is Kansas:)

Computer Lab News

By: Carmen Rutledge



Greetings from the computer lab! I can't believe it's already 4th quarter! During these next few weeks ALL grades will be learning about appropriate behavior while online and **internet safety**.

First and Second graders will be introduced to Clicky the Robot! He will teach us what to do if we encounter a stranger or bully online.

Third and Fourth graders will be learning what personal information is and what's appropriate to give away while online, as well as learning how to make a strong password.

Fifth and Sixth graders will learn how to recognize a cyber-bully and what actions to take to protect themselves and others while online.

Our 3rd – 6th graders have expressed interest on using our new Type To Learn program we use here at school. This is a web based program that will allow students access there account and pick up at home where they left off at school! I will be sending a letter home detailing the program and how to access it at home soon!

Library Links

By: Janet Barnett, Media Specialist

Once again, the library has been a busy place. April focus:

- Selecting appropriate fiction and nonfiction books
- Using the card catalog
- Asking questions and using the best source to locate answers

Using multiple sources

Even with the fantastic weather, I hope families are finding time to read to and with each other. There are thousands of spring related books to spark imaginations and stretch minds. READ. Enjoy



ART NEWS

By: Cynthia Wood



Spring is here, we're in the final turn of the school year, and Celebration of Learning is coming up. The art room is turning its focus on organizing our portfolios, working on things we want to finish up, and making our selections for this final exhibit. I'm looking forward to showing off all

the hard work and awesome results students have had this year in art.

“ Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep. ”

— Scott Adams

Music Notes

By: Lindsay Meyer, lmeyerbr@olatheschools.com



Happy Spring from the music room! I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break! We have lots planned for the upcoming month.

Sixth Grade is busy working on recognizing the mood and color of music. We are also going to be discovering sequencing of motives and themes and variations. Lots of composition work coming their way!

Fifth Grade is finishing up our unit on meter and continuing onto form. We will be exploring several different songs and their “road maps”.

Fourth Grade is about to start recorders! We are going to have a brief review of the notes on the treble staff and then jump into recorders.

Third Grade is starting their learning of the treble clef staff through Mr. Everybody's Musical Apartment. We are go-

ing to be adding in keyboard instruments and reading notes on a staff.

Second Grade is also starting their learning of the treble clef staff through Mr. Everybody's Musical Apartment. We are going to be adding in keyboard instruments and reading notes on a staff.

First Grade is working extra hard on their program! It is coming up on April 13th at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Kindergarten is going to start their rhythm unit. We will be learning how to count simple rhythms and be able to identify and perform them.

Another music celebration coming up is the **Annual Brougham Talent Shows!** An information packet will be sent home. There have been a few changes from past years, so please make sure to look over that packet carefully. Here are a few dates to keep in mind:

Grade Level Talent Show Dates and Times:

1st Grade: April 21st at 1:00

3rd Grade: April 21st at 2:30

2nd Grade: April 22nd at 1:15

6th Grade: April 23rd at 8:30

5th Grade: April 23rd at 9:30

4th Grade: April 26th at 10:00

All School Talent Shows:

April 30th at 8:30 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade will perform

May 19th at 1:00 2nd, 4th, and 6th grade will perform



Students of the Week

February 26

1st grade – Jacoby Balmer, Alija Koirala, Jarek Braden, Ashley Jones, Peyton Koeneke, Esha Pednekar, Taylor Hindes, Aidan Bywaters

2nd grade— Miles Todd, Kaitlyn Llamas, Shalra Azeem, Grace Roberts, Taylor Duncan, Vincent Tavernaro, Austin Oakes, Nichole Herrmann

3rd grade – Kennedy Shaffer, Andy Stowers, Kyle Milstead, Grant Smith, Carly Duncan, Jason Yearout

4th grade – Jessica Keys, Zach Stephan, Reily Whitfield, Gavin Miramontes, Grace Dobson, Todd Wallace

5th grade – Joy Chang, Emma Nicholson. Libby Childers, Delaney Preston, Natasha Arnold, Hunter Davis

6th grade— Chris Sukstorf, Malik McDonald, Pierce Pulliam, Brytnie Ressel, Kahler Fontaine, Brianna Bartalos

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Next PTC Meeting

April 12, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Brougham Library

Free Baby Sitting